

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 25/10-1  
Travilah H.D.  
Mag1 #

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Travilah Hall

AND/OR COMMON

The Town Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Glen Road

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

☒ VICINITY OF Travilah

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

Unused

NAME

Richardson Beard and Marc T. Inman III Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

419 Christopher Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20760

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 5108

Folio #: 740

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two bay by three bay, two and a half story rectangular building faces northeast.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the building has white stuccoed walls. There is a southwest one story lean-to addition with a shed roof. The northeast (front) double wooden paneled doors are surmounted by a two light transom. There are six over six double hung windows throughout the building. The kitchen wing has been removed.

The gable roof has corrugated metal covering. There is one interior chimney.

Inside, the original hand-hewn beams are still visible, as well as the upstairs pressed tin ceiling.

There are two outhouses southeast of the Hall. Directly northeast is a large hand pump.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES

1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The rural community known as Travilah had grown to such a size by 1910 that there was a need for a meeting hall to house public events. To fill this need, George R. Rice, Harrison G. Ward, Halton A. Waters, Agnes Fisher and Ollie R. Linthicum formed the Travilah Hall Company of Montgomery County, on March 29, 1910. The purpose of the corporation was "the building and maintaining of a house or hall to be used for public purposes and for the meeting of such educational or other associations as may exist or be formed in the neighborhood..."<sup>1</sup>

The land for the hall, purchased from George F. and Ollie R. Linthicum in June 1911, was described in the deed as being part of "Lot No. 2, marked at one corner with a stone bearing "Jas Orme 1786'." <sup>2</sup>

The construction of the Hall was made possible by a loan of \$500 from John S. Attwood to the Corporation. In 1918 the Corporation defaulted on the mortgage and the building was put up for public auction. The Hall was described at that time as:

a two-story frame pebble-dashed building containing two rooms, one on each floor, with a one-story kitchen attached, used heretofore as the town hall of the Village. It fronts on the road from Travilah to Darnestown, nearly opposite the Baptist Church.<sup>3</sup>

John H. Gray and his wife bought this property and it appears that its use as a town hall declined as time went on. Paul Mills, an elderly member of the community, recalls attending strawberry festivals and minstrel shows at the Hall between 1910 and about 1920.<sup>4</sup> Carol W. Snyder, whose father, Preston L. Snyder, bought the farm land surrounding and including the Hall in the 1920s recalls that the Hall was still being used for social events in the 1920s. However, around 1933 or '34, Mr. Snyder had the building remodeled into five low-rent apartments with outside toilet facilities. The last tenants left in the late 1960s. In the 1970s Mrs. Snyder used the building to store furniture and farm equipment from her adjoining farm. In 1978 she sold the Hall to two men who intended to make it into a shop,<sup>5</sup> which has not occurred.

Today the building stands empty. The future use of the Hall is complicated by the small size of the lot which does not allow the septic tank system that the County now requires if the building is to be used.

## FOOTNOTES:

1. Montgomery County Corporation Records, EBP 1/459.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, 222/198.
3. Judgment Records, Vol. 19, P. 334-344.
4. Telephone interview, Mr. Mills, March 28, 1979.
5. Land Records, op. cit., 5108/740.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Corporation, and Judgment Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.  
Telephone interview, Paul Mills (long-time member of the Travilah community who attended events at the Hall as a boy), March 28, 1979.  
Telephone interview, Carol W. Snyder (former owner of Hall), April 3, 1979.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.536 square feet

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Candy Reed
<u>Alison F. Hays</u>	<u>Architectural Description</u>
ORGANIZATION	DATE
<u>Sugarloaf Regional Trails</u>	<u>2/79</u>
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
<u>Box 87</u>	<u>926-4510</u>
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
<u>Dickerson</u>	<u>Maryland</u>

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust~~  
~~The Shrine of the State Circle~~  
~~Annapolis, Maryland~~  
~~(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS  
Box 87, Stronghold  
Dickerson, Md. 20753  
(301) 926-4510

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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1. Name: Travilah Hall (The Town Hall)

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 25/10 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 14  
C-16

4. Address: Glen Road, Travilah

## 5. Classification Summary

Category building  
Ownership private  
Public Acquisition NA  
Status unoccupied  
Accessible no  
Present use otherPrevious Survey Recording M-NCPPC  
Title and Date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976Federal      State X County X Local     

6. Date: 1910

7. Original Owner: Travilah Hall Company of  
Montgomery County

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. fair b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This two bay by three bay, two and a half story rectangular building faces northeast. Built on fieldstone foundations, the building has white stuccoed walls. There is a southwest one story lean-to addition with a shed roof. The northeast (front) double wooden paneled doors are surmounted by a two light transom. There are six-over-six double hung windows throughout the building. The kitchen wing has been removed. The gable roof has corrugated metal covering. There is one interior chimney. Inside, the original hand-hewn beams are still visible, as well as the upstairs pressed tin ceiling. There are two outhouses south east of the Hall. Directly northeast is a large hand pump.

10. Significance: Travilah Hall is significant as one of the few remaining structures of the rural community of Travilah, meeting one of the needs of the self-contained and slower paced early 20th century communities.

Travilah had grown enough by 1910 that there was a need for a meeting hall to house public events. Five men formed the Travilah Hall Company of Montgomery County to build and maintain "a house or hall to be used for public purposes and for the meeting of such educational or other associations as may exist or be formed in the neighborhood..." From 1910 to 1930 it was used first as a town hall, and then after 1918 when the corporation defaulted on its mortgage, for social events.

Preston L. Snyder bought the building in the 1920's and remodeled (c.1933) it into 5 low-rent apartments with outside toilet facilities. The last tenants left in the 1960s. It was used for storage until purchased in 1978 by two men who hoped to convert it into a shop. Standing empty today, its future is complicated by the small size of its lot in relation to county septic field requirements.

11. Researcher and date researched: Alison F. Hays - 2/79

Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 2/79

14. Designation  
Approval     

15. Acreage: 4,536 sq. ft.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 15, 1989

ACTION TAKEN

This amendment recommends 18 historic resources throughout Montgomery County for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. It also recommends that 4 other resources be found not to warrant historic designation and that they be removed from the Locational Atlas and from further protection under the Ordinance.

18 historic resources recommended for historic designation and protection:

M: 10-52	Charles Browning Farm
M: 10-57	Zeigler Log House
M: 12-11	Frederick Hayes House
M: 12-36	Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
M: 14-51	Woodburn/Blunt House
M: 16-1	Trundle Farm
M: 16-12	Warren M.E. Church and Martinsburg Negro School
M: 16/26	Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
M: 23-41	Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
M: 23-47	Pleasant View
M: 23-84/1	Ellicott Mine
M: 25-8	Mt. Prospect
M: 25-10/1	Travilah Town Hall
M: 29/9	Dr. Willett House
M: 29-19	Joseph Magruder House (Offutt House)
M: 33-1	Drumeldra
M: 34-10	Conley House/Green Ridge
M: 36-3	Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate

4 resources to be removed from Locational Atlas.

M: 25-19	Semmes Farm	M: 37-1	Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
M: 37-2	Presidents' Tree	M: 28-34	Mt. Pleasant II

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 25, 1989

ACTION TAKEN

This document contains the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations on the designation of twenty-two (22) historic resources throughout Montgomery County. Twenty-one resources are recommended for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. One resource is not recommended for designation.

SITES RECOMMENDED

M: 10/52	Charles Browning Farm
M: 10/57	Zeigler Log House
M: 12/11	Frederick Hayes House
M: 12/36	Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
M: 14/51	Woodburn/Blunt House
M: 16/1	Trundle Farm
M: 16/12	Warren E.M. Church and associated bldgs.
M: 16/26	Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
M: 23/41	Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
M: 23/47	Pleasant View
M: 23/84-1	Ellicott Mine
M: 25/8	Mount Prospect
M: 25/10-1	Travilah Town Hall
M: 28/34	Mount Pleasant II/Esther Scott House
M: 29/9	Dr. Willett House
M: 29/19	Joseph Magruder House
M: 33/1	Drumeldra
M: 34/10	Conley House
M: 36/03	Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate
M: 37/01	Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
M: 37/02	The President's Tree

NOT RECOMMENDED

M: 25/19      Semmes Farm

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

10/2		23/70	
10/9		23/98-1	
10/11		24/12	
10/22		24/14	
10/25		24/15	
10/54		25/1	
10/71		25/10-1	
10/73	15/68	27/5	
	15/69	27/7	
10/74	16/19		<u>Site No.</u>
11/8	*17/4	*27/11	35/6
12/14-1	17/55	*27/13	36/9
12/16	18/1	28/15	*37/4
12/26	18/9	28/26	
	18/22	30/3	
13/15	18/27	30/7	
13/16	18/29-1	30/9	
13/28	19/8	30/15	
13/32	19/18	30/17	
	19/20	30/19	
14/1	20/6	31/9	
14/15	20/14	33/3	
14/18	20/27	33/5	
14/19	22/5	33/11	
14/23	22/6-1	*34/1	
14/30	22/18	*34/9	
14/31	22/21		
14/40	22/22		
14/48	22/23		
14/54	22/24		
15/10	23/13		
15/11			
15/18			
*15/62			

\*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

\*\*These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3787

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated

5/13/82

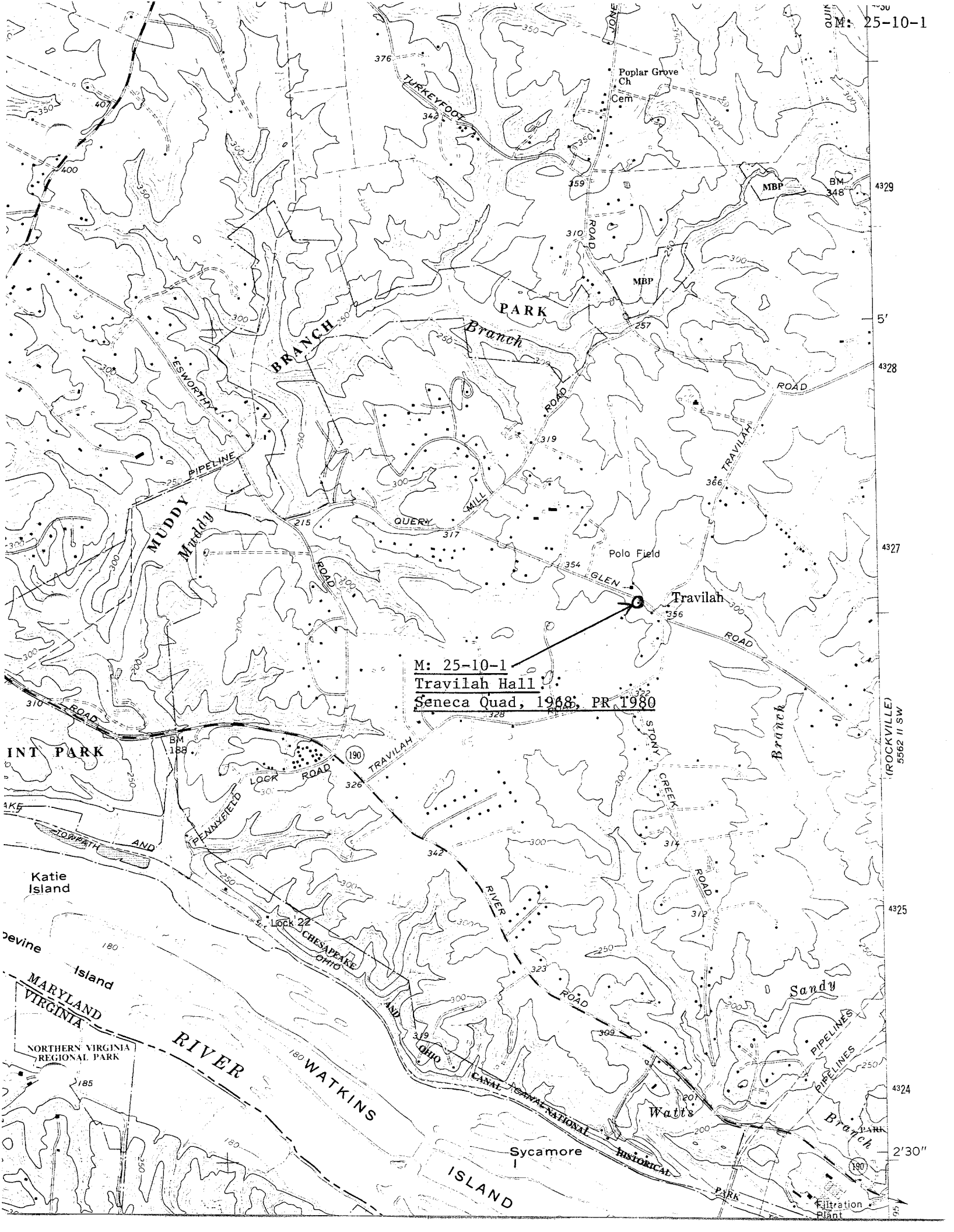
ACTION TAKEN

Planning Board voted unanimously to confirm the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation not to place the 24 sites on the Master Plan and not to keep them on the Locational Atlas.

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24 Sites Removed From  
Historical Atlas  
on April 29, 1982

<u>SITE</u>	<u>INDEX NO.</u>	<u>DEP CASE NO.</u>
1. Moxley Log Cabins	10/2	10-1-60, 10-1-57, 10-1-58
2. Mary Day House	10/9	10-2-181
3. Glaze Log House	10/22	10-2-222
4. Middleton King Farm	10/25	14-2-94
5. Thomas Hilton Farm	11/8	10-2-29
6. Sellman Station	12/14	7-1-366
7. William T. Poole House	12/16	7-1-315
8. McKendree Bowman Farm	14/1	10-6-135
9. Abandoned Log House	14/19	10-3-24
10. Sylvester Burns House	14/23	10-3-29
11. William Soper House	14/30	10-3-17
12. A Mullinix Log House	15/11	10-4-286
13. Etchinson Log House	15/18	11-3-148
14. Caleb Carr House	15/68	13-2-4
15. Ashton Acres Farm	15/69	12-2-17A
16. James Dawson Farm	18/22	18-2-93
17. Americus Dawson Farm	18/27	9-3-44
18. Brownstown School	18/29	
19. Caven/Sabine Farm	22/5	11-2-228A
20. Cooke's Range/Pope Farm	22/22	11-2-223
21. Howard Log Cabin	23/8	11-4-85
22. Jones/Claggett Farm	24/14	9-4-154
23. Travilah Town Hall	25/10	9-2-223
24. Mills House	24/15	





NAME ~~TRADILAH SCHOOL~~ "TOWN HALL" #25-10-1

LOCATION QLEN RD., TRADILAH, MD.

FACADE NW

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m. DWYER



NAME TRAVILAH ~~SCHOOL~~ #25-10-1

LOCATION GLEN RD., TRAVILAH, MD.

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 2/28/75

m. RwyER